

TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH Board of Trustees Action Items

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Board Approves New Water Meter System Conversion – During Tuesday night's meeting, Town of Erie Department of Public Works Staff updated the Board that they have been in discussions with a vendor regarding conversion to a new water meter system. This new technology would automatically transmit data to the Town's meter reading system and allow Erie water customers to monitor their usage on a regular basis. The Board approved moving forward with continued beta testing of the new system which is scheduled to be rolled out later this year. Public Works oversees approximately 7,500 water meters throughout the Town. The 2016 Budget includes funding to install approximately 1,300 meters comprised of Change Outs (meters that have completed their 10 year life cycle); Meter Problems and New Installations. More details will be provided to the public as they become available.

HIGHLIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THE NEW WATER METER SYSTEM

- Water users can monitor their usage on a more regular basis
- Water users can quickly identify potential problems/high usage and respond
- Water user will see the results of their water conservation efforts in a timely basis.
- Staff will have actual usage data on a regular basis
- Staff will be able to respond to water users questions/concerns

Town Hall Remodel - Phase II Design & Construction Moving Forward – After receiving an update from Town Staff and consulting architects, the Board provided feedback on the Town Hall Remodel Phase II Design & Construction Project.

In November of 2014, the Board awarded a consulting contract for the Town Hall Needs Assessment and Programming Plan Stage of the Town Hall Remodel Project. In March 2015, staff presented the findings from that assessment that depicted the inefficiencies of current work space, lack of space for additional staff, visitor confusion, and unusual confusing entrances and common areas. The architect also detailed the total square foot required to meet the current and future staffing, common area and parking needs. At this meeting the Board of Trustees directed staff to move forward with a design to renovate the old Police Department area (south wing) as well as begin developing an overall parking plan.



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Town Staff took the direction given and began working with the architect, evaluating the south wing and the approved staffing request for 2016 to develop a plan to gain efficiency for current and additional staff. In addition to developing the plan for Town Hall, staff has been in the design process for the future parking lots located to the west and to the north of Town Hall, and anticipate beginning the bidding process for the parking lots this spring.

View complete January 26, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet here.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled <u>Board of Trustees</u> meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the <u>Town Hall boardroom</u> located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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